



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

JOSH STEIN • Governor

DEVDUTTA SANGVAI • Secretary

MARK PAYNE • Director, Division of Health Service Regulation

VIA EMAIL ONLY

October 28, 2025

Tina Hinshaw

[Tina.hinshaw@akumin.com](mailto:Tina.hinshaw@akumin.com)

**Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment**

**Record #:** 4968  
**Date of Request:** October 14, 2025  
**Business Name:** Alliance Healthcare Services, Inc.  
**Business #:** 60  
**Project Description:** Replace mobile PET Scanner  
**County:** Wake

Dear Ms. Hinshaw:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced project is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(7). Therefore, you may proceed to acquire without a certificate of need the mobile PET scanner PETCT 252 United model uMI 550M, serial number/VIN# 1S9SC4828RS834216 to replace the mobile PET scanner PETCT 171 Siemens model Biograph Horizon 16-slice, serial number/VIN# 1S9SC4826FS834422.

This determination is based on your representations that the existing unit will be sold or otherwise disposed of and will not be used again in the State without first obtaining a certificate of need if one is required.

It should be noted that the Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this office and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Gregory F. Yakaboski  
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

cc: Radiation Protection Section, DHSR

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES • DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION  
HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603  
MAILING ADDRESS: 809 Ruggles Drive, 2704 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2704  
<https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/> • TEL: 919-855-3873

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER



October 10, 2025

Mr. Mike McKillip, CON Analyst  
Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief  
Health Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
2704 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Business Name: Alliance Healthcare Services  
Business Number: 60  
CON#: H-4706-02  
PETCT 171 Serial #1S9SC4826FS834422 GE Discovery IQ 16  
PETCT 252 Serial #1S9SC4828RS834216 United uMI 550M

RE: Akumin-Alliance Healthcare Services - Written Notice for Exemption from CON Review for Permanent Replacement of Mobile PETCT Scanner PETCT171 (H-4706-02)

Dear Ms. Mitchell and Mr. McKillip:

I am writing on behalf of Alliance Healthcare Services ("Alliance") regarding the need to replace mobile PET scanner PETCT171 because improved technology is available. PETCT171 is an existing CON approved unit that was properly reported in the 2024 Equipment Inventory Form.

To optimize routes and host site needs, mobile PETCT 171 (H-4706-02) will be removed from North Carolina and will be replaced by mobile PETCT 252 on or about October 13, 2025. The replacement mobile PETCT unit, PETCT 252, will be brought into North Carolina as the permanent replacement.

This letter provides justification and written notice regarding the replacement equipment in accordance with NCGS 131 E-184. Alliance Healthcare Services also provides documentation that the replacement equipment conforms to the Certificate of Need laws and Administrative rules: G.S. 131E-184 (a) (7) Exemptions from review to provide replacement equipment 10A NCAC 14C.0303 Replacement Equipment Administrative Rules

### **Overview**

The existing mobile PETCT scanner, PETCT 171 (H-4706-02), currently serves the following host sites:

Scotland Memorial Hospital  
500 Lauchwood Drive  
Laurinburg, NC 28352  
Onslow Hospital  
317 Western Blvd  
Jacksonville, NC 28546

Wilson Medical Center  
1705 West Tarboro St  
Wilson, NC 27893  
Outer Banks Hospital  
4800 S. Croatan Highway  
Nags Head, NC 27959

Sentara Albemarle Hospital  
 3050 Halstead Blvd  
 Elizabeth City, NC 27909  
 Lenior Memorial Hospital  
 100 Airport Rd  
 Kinston, NC 28501  
 Carteret General Hospital  
 3402 Arendell St  
 Moorehead City, NC 28557

**Compliance Documentation**

Compliance with G.S. 131E-176 (22a) Replacement Equipment Definition is evident because the Fair Market Value of the replacement PETCT Scanner is \$1,805,643.

The replacement PETCT equipment will be used for the same diagnostic purposes as the existing equipment. In addition, Alliance is providing prior written notice to the Department in accordance with G.S. 131E-184 (a) (7) Exemption from Review to provide replacement equipment.

Alliance Healthcare Services confirms that PETCT 171 meets the definition of “currently in use” because this PETCT scanner provided thousands of procedures at the above listed host site throughout the previous year. The replacement PETCT scanner is improved yet comparable to the equipment being replaced because the replacement equipment will be used to acquire the same types of PETCT images and data. Alliance Healthcare Services certifies that the replacement mobile PETCT equipment will be used for the same diagnostic purposes as the existing PETCT unit.

Please see the attached Equipment Comparison Form:

<b>PETCT CON Equipment Comparison</b>		
	<b>Existing Equipment</b>	<b>Permanent Replacement Equipment</b>
<b>Type of Equipment</b>	PETCT	PETCT
<b>Manufacturer of Equipment</b>	Siemens	United
<b>Model</b>	Biograph Horizon 16-slice	uMI 550M
<b>Provider's Method of Identifying Equipment</b>	PETCT 171	PETCT 252
<b>Specify if Mobile or Fixed</b>	Mobile	Mobile
<b>Mobile Trailer Serial Number/VIN#</b>	1S9SC4826FS834422	1S9SC4828RS834216
<b>Date of Acquisition of Each Component</b>	2016	2025 (March)
<b>Hold Title or Lease</b>	Hold Title	Hold Title
<b>Specify if Equipment Was/Is New or Used When Acquired</b>	New	New
<b>Total Capital Cost of Project (no construction involved)</b>	NA	NA
<b>Total Cost of Equipment</b>	\$1,531,790	\$1,805,643
<b>Fair Market Value of Equipment</b>	NA	NA
<b>Net Purchase Price of Equipment</b>	NA	NA
<b>Locations When Operated</b>		

<b>Number Days In Use/To Be Used in NC per Year</b>	up to 365	up to 365
<b>Percent of Change in Patient Charges (by procedure)</b>	NA	NA
<b>Percent of Change in Per Procedure Operating Expenses (by Procedure)</b>	NA	NA
<b>Type of Procedures Currently Performed on Existing Equipment</b>	PETCT	PETCT
<b>Type of Procedures New Equipment is Capable of Performing</b>	PETCT	PETCT

Thank you for your review and consideration of this information. Please call me at 805.325.3078 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tina Hair Hinshaw, MBA  
RVP, Mobile Operations Southeast Region  
805.325.3078  
[tina.hinshaw@akumin.com](mailto:tina.hinshaw@akumin.com)

CC: Rodney Skelding, Manager of Operations, [Rodney.skelding@akumin.com](mailto:Rodney.skelding@akumin.com)  
David Joslin, Director of Operations, [David.Joslin@akumin.com](mailto:David.Joslin@akumin.com)

**From:** [Mitchell, Micheala L](#)  
**To:** [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)  
**Cc:** [Mckillip, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] PETCT Permanent Replacement  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:19:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [AR\\_NCCON\\_H-6706-02\\_PETCT252\\_Permanent Replacement with PETCT171\\_October 2025.pdf](#)

---

Tiffany,

Would you mind logging this request and assigning it to Greg?

Thanks,

Micheala

Micheala Mitchell, JD  
[NC Department of Health and Human Services](#)  
[Division of Health Service Regulation](#)  
Section Chief, Healthcare Planning and CON Section  
809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building  
2704 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704  
Office: 919 855 3879  
[Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov)

---

**From:** Tina Hinshaw <tina.hinshaw@akumin.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:50 AM  
**To:** Mckillip, Mike <mike.mckillip@dhhs.nc.gov>; Mitchell, Micheala L <Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Cc:** Tina Hinshaw <tina.hinshaw@akumin.com>; David Joslin <David.Joslin@akumin.com>; Rodney Skelding <rodney.skelding@akumin.com>  
**Subject:** [External] PETCT Permanent Replacement

**CAUTION:** External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless verified. Report suspicious emails with the Report Message button located on your Outlook menu bar on the Home tab.

Ms. Mitchell and Mr. McKillip,

Please see attached letter regarding permanent replacement of PETCT171 with PETCT252 effective 10/13/2025. Please let me know if there are any questions.

It is a privilege to serve the citizens of NC.

Regards,  
Tina

Tina Hair Hinshaw  
RVP Mobile Operations, Southeast  
805.325.3078 (cell)  
[Tina.Hinshaw@Akumin.com](mailto:Tina.Hinshaw@Akumin.com)

**Tina Hinshaw**  
Vice President, Regional



-  [+1 805-325-3078](tel:+18053253078)
-  [tina.hinshaw@akumin.com](mailto:tina.hinshaw@akumin.com)
-  [akumin.com](http://akumin.com)

---

This message contains information which may be confidential and/or privileged. Unless you are the intended recipient (or authorized to receive for the intended recipient), you may not use, copy or disclose to anyone this message or any information contained in this message. If you have received the message in error, please advise the sender by reply email and delete the message immediately from both your inbox and from your trash folder. Thank you.

---

Email correspondence to and from this address is subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized State official. Unauthorized disclosure of juvenile, health, legally privileged, or otherwise confidential information, including confidential information relating to an ongoing State procurement effort, is prohibited by law. If you have received this email in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete all records of this email.